

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2559, THE  
AGRICULTURE RISK PROTECTION ACT

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SEPTEMBER 28, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 308]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 308, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2559, the “Agriculture Risk Protection Act,” under a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Agriculture amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendments printed in this report. The rule further waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by title, and makes in order only those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. An amendment may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and it shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows

a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill and the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, is necessary because of technical violations of sections 302 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation), 308 (requiring a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate in the committee report), and 401 (prohibiting consideration of budget related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) of the Congressional Budget Act. The modifications to the amendment in the nature of a substitute fix many of these technical violations.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED UNDER THE  
RULE

*Amendments modifying the amendment in the nature of a substitute*

Combest: Amends the effective date of various sections of H.R. 2559 to ensure that the bill complies with H. Con. Res. 68, the concurrent budget resolution adopted by Congress in April. Specifically, for sections of the bill that were scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) as having a fiscal year 2000 cost, the en bloc amendments delay the effective date until the 2001 fiscal year or crop year.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MODIFYING THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE  
OF A SUBSTITUTE

Page 9, line 13, strike "2000" and insert "2001".

Page 30, beginning line 8, strike section 113.

Page 61, line 9, strike "Fiscal Year" and insert "fiscal year".

Add at the end the following:

## TITLE IV—EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

### SEC. 401. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as provided in sections 301(b) and 305(d), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. The actual implementation by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of an amendment made by this Act shall depend on the terms of the amendment or, in the absence of an express implementation date in the amendment, the special rules specified in section 402.

### SEC. 402. SPECIAL RULES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2000 CROP YEAR.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with the 2000 crop year:

(1) Section 104, relating to review and adjustment in rating methodologies.

(2) Section 106, relating to cost of production as a price election.

(3) Section 107, relating to premium discounts for good performance.

(4) Section 202, relating to improving program compliance and integrity.

(5) Section 203, relating to sanctions for false information.

(6) Section 204, relating to protection of confidential information.

(7) Section 205, relating to records and reporting.

(8) Section 206, relating to compliance with State licensing requirements.

(9) Section 309, relating to requirement to follow good farming practices.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with fiscal year 2000:

(1) Section 105(a), relating to repeal of obsolete pilot programs.

(2) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 305, relating to Board consideration of submitted policies and materials.

(3) Section 306, relating to contracting for rating plans of insurance.

(4) Section 307, relating to electronic availability of crop insurance information.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2001 CROP YEAR.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with the 2001 crop year:

(1) Section 101, relating to premium schedule for additional coverage.

(2) Section 102, relating to premium schedule for other plans of insurance.

(3) Section 103(b), relating to adjustment in production history to reflect pest control.

(4) Section 109, relating to authority for nonprofit associations to pay fees on behalf of producers.

(5) Section 110, relating to elections regarding prevented planting coverage.

(6) Section 111, relating to limitations under noninsured crop disaster assistance program.

(7) Section 201, relating to limitation on double insurance.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with fiscal year 2001:

(1) Section 105(b), relating to general requirements applicable to pilot programs.

(2) Section 304, relating to funding for reimbursement and research and development.

#### **SEC. 403. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) and section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333), as in effect on day before the date of the enactment of this Act, shall continue to apply with respect to the 1999 crop year and shall apply with respect to the 2000 crop year,

to the extent the application of an amendment made by this Act is delayed under section 402 or by the terms of the amendment.

